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A GUIDE TO BUILDING CLIMBING ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON CAMPUS

The origin of this guide began as a sort of joke several years ago when we first realised that climbing does not have to be limited to mountains, and the thought has grown until this guide emerged as our final legacy to the climbing club here at the university. Done in haste, as our last meeting approaches, many of the descriptions will be hasty, and there will be some inadvertent omissions. Perhaps, as others continue nocturnal visits to campus summits, one venturesome soul will someday revise and enlarge this edition.

We will try to indicate where protection and belays are necessary and available (not always simultaneously), and indicate the difficulty of the route by three classifications:
E (easy) where a moderately athletic nonclimber could go;
M (moderate) where experience is helpful, but the climbing is not severe; and D (difficult) for climb requiring unusual technical proficiency or strength, or perhaps unprotectable. Where appropriate, enjoyable routes have been noted as "date function" climbs (as our contribution to the Omnium Gatherum section of the Helmsl

There is some danger of P.I. (police interference) with these activities, and for this reason, grubbies or dark clothes should be worn. Also, as a general comment, the scaffolds of the building washers provide easy access to many summits, and the "down route" to these climbs is frequently an access to a stairway through the building. Where indicated, certain climbs remain uncompleted, others have been done many times. Madsen and others may have preceded our information. To protect the innocent first climbers and ascents will be omitted.

HANSEE HALL (M,D) (P.I.) From the northern face of Leary House, go east until the wall turns north. At this book, climb the windows of the northern face to the gutter and mantel to the roof. Jam the rain gutter to roof. Protection is minimal; a third story window is nice if the resident is cooperative or absent.

HAGGETT HALL (E,M) Gain access to the stairs of the western fire escape and walk to the 8th floor. Exit through cracks and mantle to roof. Final summit gained via fixed ladder on summit pyramid.

McMAHON HALL (E) Again use fire escape and mantle from 11th floor to roof. Climbing from various balconies to roof is also possible. 11th floor girls have been known to be cooperative.

HUTCHINSON HALL (M,D) Rt. 1: From main entrance on Stevens Circle, walk S.E. to large tree, which is climbed until it is possible to exit onto roof. Climb near a brick wall to crest of gym, and gain ledges near final summit come. The steep slates forming the final peak are climbed on friction (5.7-5.8) and the metal peak at the top protects subsequent climbers if a rope is looped around it. This climb is questionable.

Rt. 2: Stem the chimney on the main entrance to the right of the door to the roof where delicate friction and/or jamming leads to the ledges below the cone. Protection is available from a gutter although its strength is questionable. Rated D.

Lewis Hall (M) Climb fire escape on N.E. side of building, mantle rickety gutter to steep tarpater shingles which may be underclinged, or alternatively jam the gable to roof crest. Protection is the belay from top of the fire escape.

MACKENZIE HALL (M) Climb post in walkway between Balmer and Mackenzie to top of covered hallway above. Continue to the roof of the walkway, where a long shoulder-stand attains the summit.

BALMER HALL (M) Gain fire escape (stairway) on S.W. end of building by mantle to awning facing Denny Hall. Walk to 4th floor, and belay. Leader exits and jams-thrutches to rooftop, finishing on a strenuous mantle.

ART (D) The art building was originally done where the new wing now joins the building, so that the problem now consists of finding an alternate means to the roof. The most feasible plan is to climb an arch on the northernmost corner of the courtyard to an obvious notch. Traverse the windows to the north corner and stem upward to horizontal ledges 4 ft. below roof. Here, a sling may be required, or a mantle may suffice to attain the roof proper. Traverse to the base of the Pinnacle between Art and Music, using available ladders. A ladder is left at the base of the pinnacle, taking one to the iron mesh, which can be aided or climbed free to summit. A good date function "if she's an ape.

MUSIC (D EXTREME!) (P.I.) From lawn nearest McMahon, contemplate 3 stories of 3" lieback crack, with minimal possibilities of rest and no protection available. This forms the only route, and has not been done yet. The other possibility is the main entrance facing Art, however, persistand efforts have been abandoned in the face of difficulties.

OBSERVATORY (E) Climb stairs and mantle to roof. Lieback dome to summit.

PARRINGTON (E) A 5 9 fire escape leads to a cleverly constructed cyclone fence, a structure which is easily bypassed. Easy friction leads to the summit.

HENRY GALLERY (E) A stickery bush on the north side leads one directly to the roof.

DENNY HALL (H.) Ascend large tree on north side (N.E. side) to lower roof. Mantel east face to gutter below brick face, and traverse around face to tarpaper shingle book on edge of gable. Lieback or jam to top of gable, and then friction to roofcrest above. A belay may be advisable for inexperienced climbers at this point. Traverse roofcrest to bell tower. Rickety sheet metal holds bring one to the dome, which is bear hugged to first summit. This last section is difficult and the consequences of a fall are ugly to comtemplate, so that most climbers prefer to be satisfied with the balcony itself. Recommended as a date function, enjoyable and exposed, although not hard.

PADELFORD (VARIABLE) The easiest way is to attain a fire escape facing Clark Hall and to mantle to the roof. Belayed from within. Various chimneys, all with little or no protection, form the alternative.

HALL HEALTH Not done as yet, there appears to be a good possibility of climbing a chimney and rain gutter system facing south east. Although "protection" is available in rain gutters, it may require more than justifiable confidence to hope that it will hold, thus this may be a rather severe undertaking. Also, the building is occupied 24 hours a day, and the cooperation of some inhabitants is in doubt.

SUZALLO LIBRARY (D) The grandaddy of them all, the library dominates the thoughts of all serious building climbers. Rt. 1: Climb the conifer near the walk between Administration and the Library. Depending upon rope throwing ability, it may be an easy matter to lasso the gargoyle (or horizontal pinnacle) about 10-15 ft. from the tree on the lowest point of the roof. When the original climbs were made, there was sometimes a ladder available in the inner courtyard, however the purist's route proceeds up the obvious chimney facing the Administration Building for 80' or so and exits on ledges near the gray slate summit slabs. To our knowledge, these summit slabs have never gone free, even to Jim Madsen, so procedure, for mere mortals, is to throw a rope completely over the roof, anchor it on one side and climb up the fixed line from the other side of the roof; the most difficult part being the long chimney--safe but unprotected. Descend inside spiril staircase withinspire facing the Ad. Building.

Rt. 2: (D) Where the new undergraduate library joins the old section, facing Condon Hall, is a series of vertical metal slats leading to the summit of the Undergrad Library. Although this route wails on a climber's hands, protection is good using slings or nuts, and the climbing is not severe, just long and exposed. From the top of the undergrad library, the ledges surrounding the true crest are easily attained and the rope throwing techniques are applicable

Rt. 3: At the junction of the undergrad library and the old library, facing the physics building, is a large tree, which can be climbed and used for an overhead belay. The climb itself proceeds up the interior face of the under rad library using slings on the horizontal concrete braces for protection.

ADMINISTRATION (P.I.) The spires offer a unique challenge in their proximity to the security division and the thought of tampering with "authority". A good possibility offers itself above the S.S.W. entrance, as various ledges and horns provide holds and good protection as far as the lower roof. It should be possible to tie off the steel window hinges with small slings if additional protection is required. Leave your wallet at home and tell the fuzz you're insane.

PHYSICS (D) Rt. 1: Rated difficult only in terms of lack of protection, the long chimney facing Johnson offers strenous progress upward. The summit can be climbed from the main roof via interesting mantles on the north side. If protection is desired, it may be wise to cut a 2X4 to the proper length, and drive it crossways in the chimney. Rt. 2: Using the building-key technique, step out of the 4th floor optics lab window and traverse a narrow ledge til a fist jam in a vertical slot allows one to gain the roof. Jam a gable and jump for the summit of the upper roof. Summit is at opposite end of building and is obtained by climbing up a delicate ledge system. Descent is into building and down a heating-plant starway.

JOHNSON (D) Chimney facing Physics is slightly wider than on Physics and offers the same difficulties.

ARCHITECTURE (E) An extremely easy fire escape ladder leads from the path between sicurity division and Architecture, directly to the roof. Descent is within spiral staircase into building--good date function.

G.E.B. (D) Stem a half window on N.E. or S.E. side of building to attain roof- supporting columns may be laybacked to top also. Soloed previously be Jim Madsen, without protection.

GUGGENHEIM (M) This very enjoyable climb begins at an archway on the N.E. side of the building, facing G.E.B. Begin next to the building proper and climb on stone decorations to the top of the low arch walkway. Walk to the corner of the next level and the building step up into a window on the right and make a long stretch back left to gain the next higher level. A men's rest room window faces the roof at this level, and if it is unlocked, open it and climb up the window, stand on top of it and reach the roof. This is a rather long stretch, and the tallest member of the troup should lead here. Traverse to the prominent gable and do a steep lieback to the roof-crest (unprotected but easier than it looks) Descent is via the climbing route, as the door on the roof is a dead end. The one route mentioned by no means exhausts the possibilities on this building.

ROBERTS (M) Climb large tree of S.W. corner of building, belay from as high as possible, as leader takes long step across to stonework and climbs to roof Descend inside building.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (E.M) The main Stevens Circle entrance is easily mantled and then the small square windows provide a ladder to the next level. The next semi difficult move uses an exhaust vent system [illegible] but safe. From the S.W. corner of the final story climb two antenna supports for the ladder. The climb makes an enjoyable date [illegible], particularly the square windows, since they are steep and [illegible] easy.

POWER PLANT "SMOKESTACK" (M.) The giant stack offers a unique challenge, 150' [illegible] climbing, perhaps with a hanging belay. A lightning [illegible] from the top to the bottom of the stack, punctuated at 8-10 [illegible] intervals by horizontal braces (for protection), provides the route. [illegible] tionally, using guerilla tactics, the base of the stack is [illegible] by hijacking the elevator on the interior of the steam plant.

THE [illegible] AV (M) Also quite easy and enjoyable for dates, this climb begins at the N.W. entrance, andclimbs up to and over a white flagpole some 10" up. Walk to the extreme N.E. corner of this roof where a ladder is imbedded in bricks proceeding to the next level. At this level, walk south, and gain 10-15 feet by climbing an exhaust vent to the next level, where a prominent switch box allows one to step left around the corner onto the Edmunson Pavillion sign and reach the ledge just above the sign. From here, trivial friction slabs lead to the broad crest of the summit.

'LOEW HALL (I) THIS CLIMB ISN'T GOING FREE TO ANYBODY, NOT EVEN ROBBINS, CHOINARD OR THE RED BARRON!!

ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES Not done yet. However the window frames of the wester[illegible] face [illegible]opose an interesting no protection route.

ANDERSON [illegible]D) [illegible]imb bushes and stone work to the large ledge above the entr[illegible] [illegible]stem up between a pillar and the window for 8-10' and swing [illegible] into the pillar where eventually horizontal handholds allo[illegible]e [illegible] progres[illegible] to the roof. Lieback or jam a gutter to the summit.
BAGLEY [illegible] Another virgen; maybe suction cups are the solution!

ENGI[illegible]EE[illegible] LIBRARY [illegible]ot done yet. However large conifer on north side suggests possibilities of an overhead belay if one wanted to trust the eves over each window.